



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 695-00

8 March 2000

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the United States Naval Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 1 February 1985.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Dunn, Mr. Brezna and Ms. Hare, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 March 2000 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although it appears that enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner reenlisted in the Naval Reserve on 2 February 1977 for four years in the rate of SK2 (E-5). He subsequently extended that enlistment for four years. In December 1982 he was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60. On 21 October 1983 he transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). The next entry in the record shows that he was honorably discharged on 17 December 1985 at the expiration of his enlistment, as extended. Petitioner became 60 years old on 2 February 1999 and is receiving his retired pay as a former member.

d. The Board did not request an advisory opinion in this case. However, the Board is aware that the Navy Personnel Command has routinely recommended corrective action in similar cases when an individual is eligible to transfer to the Retired Reserve and there is no explanation in the record why the individual was discharged and not retired.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. The Board noted that Petitioner was in good standing in the Naval Reserve and would have been retired if he had requested it. Therefore, the Board concludes that the record should be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve in the rate of SK2 effective 1 February 1985, vice being discharged on that date. Since Petitioner is now 60 years old, the Board further concludes that he should be transferred to the Retired List on 2 February 1999, his 60th birthday.

Finally the Board concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand his status on the Retired List.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 February 1985 in the rate of SK2 vice being discharged on that date. The record should be further corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired List on his 60th birthday, 2 February 1999.

b. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


ALAN E. GOLDSMITH
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the

authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.


For W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director